



Friends of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Bookstore

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Hours of Operation:
Tuesday - Friday: 8 AM – 6 PM
Saturday: 9 AM – 1 PM

BOOKSTORE HISTORY:

The Friends of the Library Fifty-Cent Bookstore opened for business in the spring of 1994. Library Director Robert Rodriguez realized the need for a bookstore when he began selling donated magazines to library patrons. The magazine sale was an immediate success. As the quantity and quality of donations the library was receiving increased, the decision was made to create a permanent bookstore. For over ten years now, the Friends bookstore has raised funds for the library with items donated by the public. The bookstore is a great *stop* for book lovers who like to shop. It is dedicated to bringing the magic of books to everyone. We offer books, magazines, paperbacks and audiovisual materials. Come in and browse the bookstore and discover your next “new to you” treasures. Be sure to visit the bookstore regularly as the materials are ever changing. The bookstore is open everyday during regular library hours. It is the hope of the Friends organization that all customers who walk through the doors of the bookstore find selections that make them happy, and leave with a desire to return. *Revenues from the bookstore go towards the purchase of equipment, new books and support of the Children’s Summer Program.*

TAX RECEIPT:

Thanks to the efforts of the Texas State Attorney, the Friends received status as a non-profit organization under the IRS Code 501(C)(3) which allows all donations to be 100% tax deductible to the donor. The library does not provide a value for the books donated. The donor determines the value of their donation. If you want a receipt for income tax purposes, you will need to fill out a Gift/Donation Acknowledgment Receipt Form that you may use when filling out your income taxes. You may be able to deduct the value of your donation on your income taxes if you itemize your deductions.

DONATIONS: Please help!

Donate your unwanted books to the bookstore. We rely on donations for all the books we sell. Our sales are only as good as our donations. When donating books please think about the type of books you would want to buy. We can only sell books that are in good condition. Books that have torn covers, missing pages, or have been nibbled on by the family pet cannot be sold. Please recycle these books at the recycling center. Through the sale of used books donated by the community, the Friends provide the library funding for materials and programs not otherwise available through the library budget. Throughout the year, as we sort through the donations we receive, we separate the materials that the library might be able to use for their collection. Right now another patron may be enjoying books or materials you donated. To those of you who regularly support the bookstore with donations – thank you! Your generosity is truly appreciated.

DONATION GUIDELINES:

When the library is open, donations may be taken directly to the library. You may also call the library to make arrangements to have your donations picked up. When donating a *SMALL* number of books, please place books into plastic bags. For *LARGE* numbers of books, please place them in boxes. There will be someone on hand to help you unload if you are unable to do it yourself.

We accept:

- Clean books in good condition
- Antiquarian books
- Audiovisual materials
- Current year magazines
- Children’s puzzles or games

We cannot accept:

- Defaced materials: dirty or dusty, broken spines, pages with scribbling, writing, underlining or smoke infested books
- Moldy or mildewed materials



GET IN LINE



COME IN AND DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES INSIDE!

WHAT ARE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY?

The Friends of the Kleberg Public Library, Inc. was organized in spring of 1987 as a non-profit group for the purpose of promoting the interest and welfare of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library as a cultural and educational asset as set forth in its charter.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE FRIENDS?

Anyone who is interested in promoting the library. It is desirable to have all residents, organizations and businesses represented. The library is tax supported and free to all Kleberg County residents.

WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP DUES?

The membership dues vary to accommodate all interested citizens. They are:

- Junior Friend - \$1.00 (Kinder – 12th grade)
- Friend - \$10.00
- Silver Friend - \$25.00
- Gold Friend - \$50.00
- Business/Organization Friend - \$50.00
- Diamond Friend - \$100.00 or more

To join the Friends of the Kleberg Public Library, please complete and mail the Membership Form that is part of this brochure.

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL:

Make a financial gift to the Friends of the Library in the name of someone who is special to you. The Friends will recognize them and bequeath the donation you make in their honor. By making a contribution, you will join many of your neighbors as a supporter of the Kleberg Public Library. All proceeds are used to enhance the library's programs, services and projects.

We appreciate your friendship!

HISTORY OF THE ROBERT J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The beginnings of the Public Library in Kingsville coincide with the beginning of the Kingsville Woman's Club. In 1909, a group of women through the influence of Mrs. Toner, who later became Mrs. Finnegan, first met to form a Woman's Club of Kingsville. One main objective decided upon for the club was "to maintain a free public library in Kingsville."

At club meetings, members responded to roll call with a gift of a book or magazine. Members wrote friends and nearby clubs asking for books and the library movement grew rapidly. By September 1909, the club had secured a room over the Kleberg Bank, rent free, and maintained a library. At this time, members of the club acted as both librarian and janitor. Also, the library dues of 25 cents were paid monthly in addition to club dues.

Through growth and expansion, a new library building was finally completed by the end of May 1959, and the first board was appointed under the jurisdiction of the City of Kingsville. Further building expansion of the June Dotterweich wing was added in 1970.

Throughout the years the library has continued to grow. It now houses around 65,000 volumes, over 135 periodicals, including the Kingsville newspaper on microfilm dating back to 1917. Over the decades the library has transitioned into the modern age. Today many of our daily operations are fully automated. It now offers Internet and Wi-Fi wireless services, an adult and children's computer lab, and an assortment of audio-visual materials. Tech-savvy patrons can view the library's programs and services online at www.kleberglibrary.com. Currently the library staff is composed of eight full-time and two part-time employees. Our commitment to the community and library patrons is to be up-to-date with new and innovative services.